(i) Any medal; gold, silver or bronze in the Olympic Games, World Cup or World Championships in Olympic or non-Olympic disciplines, provided that the performance is either better or equal to the best performance achieved earlier; or

(ii) 2 gold medals—one in Asian Games and another in Asian Championships held earlier or later; or

(iii) 2 gold medals—one in Asian Games and the other in Commonwealth Games held either earlier or later.

2 (c) **Indigenous Sports**

A coach who is responsible for outstanding improvement in the performance of individuals or a team as compared with such performance in the previous three years and through whose coaching a team obtains winning position, shall also be eligible for the award.

Pathetic conditions of Former Sports persons

747. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to identify sports persons who played for India in National and International events but are living in pathetic conditions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and the welfare measures undertaken to improve their conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As the Government has not conducted any survey, question regarding State-wise information does not arise. However, under the scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sports Persons, implemented by the Government, pension and lump sum financial assistance are given to outstanding sports persons living in indigent circumstances.